



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**SPRINGSTEEN PLANT Site**  
**236 Gadsden Street, Chester, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until April 29, 2009. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the City of Chester.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 09-5649-NRP, will affect approximately 10 acres identified by tax map number 201-04-15-014. The City of Chester plans to acquire the property because the current owners are delinquent on tax payments and have abandoned it.

The property was a textile mill that operated from the 1890's to the 1980's. Many of the buildings on the property have been partially demolished. Portions of the property are covered with building debris. Testing has found the building debris is contaminated with old lead-based paint, asbestos, and other substances from the mill operation.

The City of Chester intends to redevelop the property for recreational, commercial, or multifamily residential use. If the Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the City to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution.

DHEC will not hold the City of Chester responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. The City did not create the pollution, but will clean up the pollution to make the property safe for re-use. Because the work is done under a Voluntary Cleanup Contract, the City is not responsible under State laws if anyone has been affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of the former owners and operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, the City of Chester will remove the building debris. After the debris is removed, the City will test samples of soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, the City will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. Public comments on the proposed contracts help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues in the best interest of the state. The proposed contract is available at [http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public\\_notice.asp](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp). Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until April 29, 2009. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, email [gormanak@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:gormanak@dhec.sc.gov), telephone (803) 896-4121 or Craig Dukes, email [dukescv@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:dukescv@dhec.sc.gov) or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.